## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

In re:	)
	) Case Number 12-49658-705
Bakers Footwear Group, Inc.,	) Chapter 7
	) Hearing Date May 29, 2013
Debtor.	) Hearing Time 10:00 a.m.
	) Hearing Location 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor South
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# JOINT MOTION BY CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, SALUS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC AND DIBA IMPORTS, L.P. PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019 FOR AN ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

WARNING: Any response or objection shall be filed with the Court by May 28, 2013. (See L.R. 9013-1(B) and 9013-2(B), or other Rules as applicable). A copy shall be promptly served upon the undersigned. Failure to file a timely response may result in the Court granting the relief requested prior to the hearing date.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing to consider the this Motion will be held on May 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., on an expedited basis, before the Honorable Charles E. Rendlen, United States Bankruptcy Court, 111 South Tenth Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor South Courtroom, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

Robert J. Blackwell, the chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") for the estate of Bakers Footwear Group, Inc. (the "Estate"), Salus Capital Partners, LLC (the "DIP Lender"), and Diba Imports, L.P.¹ ("Diba", and together with the Trustee and Salus, collectively referred to herein as the "Parties") by and through their undersigned counsel, move for entry of an Order pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019 (the "Motion") approving a stipulation of settlement (the "Stipulation") among the Trustee, DIP Lender, and Diba, and in support thereof, respectfully state as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Diba as defined herein shall be deemed to include such affiliates, agents or assignees, including without limitation, Demand Shoes, LLC, Diba Far East, LLC, Adjunct Trading HK Limited, and C and C Accord, Ltd. dc2311.p

### I. Introduction and Jurisdiction

- 1. By this Motion, the Parties respectfully request an Order pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019 approving a stipulation of settlement among the Parties. A copy of the stipulation of settlement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157(b). This is a "core" proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), (B), (E), (M) and (O).
  - 3. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a).

### II. Relevant Background

- 4. On October 3, 2012, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United State Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the "Court"), with the Debtor continuing to operate its business as a debtor-in-possession.
- 5. On November 15, 2012, the DIP Lender and the Debtor entered into the Amended and Restated Senior Secured, Super-Priority Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement (the "DIP Credit Agreement"), pursuant to which the DIP Lender agreed to provide the Debtor with, among other things, capital necessary to continue its business operations and preserve and administer the value of the Estate.
- 6. Also on November 15, 2012, the Court entered an order (the "**DIP Order**") approving the post-petition financing provided by the DIP Lender. Pursuant to the DIP Order, the DIP Lender was granted (a) a first priority, valid, perfected and enforceable lien, subject only to the Carve Out and Permitted Prior Liens (each as defined in the DIP Order), upon substantially all of the Debtor's real and personal property and (b) a super-priority

administrative claim in respect of all obligations under the DIP Financing Agreements (as defined in the DIP Order), subject to the Carve Out as set forth in the DIP Order.

- 7. On December 4, 2012, at the Debtor's request, the DIP Lender issued a Standby Letter of Credit (the "Letter of Credit") to Diba pursuant to the terms of the DIP Credit Agreement in the amount of \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) to facilitate post-petition transactions between the Debtor and Diba.
- 8. On January 18, 2013, the Court entered an order converting the chapter 11 case to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and, on January 21, 2013, the Trustee was appointed the chapter 7 trustee.
- 9. On January 22, 2013, the Court entered an order authorizing, inter alia, the Trustee to operate the business of the Debtor (the "Operating Order"). The Operating Order required the DIP Lender to fund, among other things, payment of all of the reasonable costs and expenses of the operation of the business of the Debtor, as set forth in a budget agreed upon by the Trustee and the DIP Lender, including the Trustee's commissions, professional fees and expenses.
- 10. In addition, the Operating Order provided that the Trustee and the DIP Lender "may agree, after payment of all applicable expenses of the operation of the business and payment of all applicable Chapter 7 administrative expenses, that [the DIP Lender's] claim or claims have been paid in full and file a Notice of such determination with this Court. Absent timely objection, [the DIP Lender] shall thereafter be relieved of the obligations set forth in this Order."
- 11. On February 28, 2013, the Court entered an order, inter alia, approving the sale of substantially all of the Debtor's assets (the "Sale Order") to Zigi USA, LLC or its designee ("Zigi").

12. Paragraph 26 of the Sale Order provided that the super-priority security interest of the DIP Lender attached to the cash proceeds of the sale (net of cure amounts) immediately upon receipt of such proceeds by the Estate. In addition, paragraph 26 of the Sale Order stated that the amount of the DIP Lender's super-priority secured claim was \$1,614,441.20 as of February 21, 2013, after applying cash on hand as of such date and subject to further receipts and authorized advances. Paragraph 26 of the Sale Order also approved and authorized the application of cash on hand as of the closing of the sale, as well as the sale proceeds (net of cure amounts and the Trustee's commission and his professionals' fees and expenses in accordance with the Operating Order), to payment of the DIP Lender's claim. On February 28, 2013, the sale of certain of the Estate's assets to Zigi closed.

13. As of March 13, 2013, the DIP Lender held \$2,831,978.99 of the Estate's cash in a controlled account (the "Collection Account"). In accordance with the Sale Order, on that date the DIP Lender applied \$2,210,071.26 of such funds to the payment of all outstanding DIP Obligations, the amount of which, after extensive negotiations, the DIP Lender agreed to reduce by \$50,000 at the request of the Trustee. To date, it has not been necessary to apply any of the Zigi sale proceeds to the DIP Lender's claim as the amount of the DIP Lender's claim was less than the amount of funds held by the DIP Lender in the Collection Account.

14. As of the date of this Motion, the DIP Lender continues to hold approximately \$629,125.15 of the Estate's cash in the Collection Account.

15. The funds held in the Collection Account include \$350,000.00 that were the subject of numerous Applications for Compensation filed by certain chapter 11 professionals, heard by the Court on April 10, 2013. The rights to the \$350,000 funds in the Collection Account are *sub judice*, and will continue to be held by the DIP Lender until further Order of the Court.

### A. Initial Joint Motion by the Trustee and DIP Lender

16. On March 13, 2013, after extensive negotiations between the two, the DIP Lender and Trustee filed a joint motion (Docket No. 718) (the "Initial Motion") seeking the entry of an order: (a) finding that all of the DIP Obligations have been irrevocably paid in full and discharged; (b) authorizing the DIP Lender to return cash collateral to the Trustee; (c) finding that the DIP Lender has no further obligations in or related to this Case; (d) finding that any and all DIP Liens (as defined in the DIP Order) are hereby, and forever, released; (e) finding that the Estate has no further obligations of any kind whatsoever to the DIP Lender; and (f) granting related relief.

### B. Diba Draw Request on the Letter of Credit

17. On March 25, 2013, two days prior to the hearing on the Initial Motion, the DIP Lender received a letter from Diba requesting a draw on the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$403,749.70, alleging as a basis Debtor's payment default with respect to alleged postpetition trade accounts payable owed to Diba (the "**Draw Letter**"). A copy of the Draw Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

18. In response to the Draw Letter, the Trustee and DIP Lender filed a supplement to their Initial Motion (Docket No. 773), seeking an order finding that, in addition to the relief requested in the Initial Motion, the Estate and the DIP Lender have no further post-petition obligations owing to Diba and, as a result, the DIP Lender is not required to honor a presentation made by Diba with respect to a letter of credit issued by the DIP Lender.

19. The DIP Lender contends that, to the extent it must honor any amount of the Letter of Credit, its super-priority secured claim against the Estate under the DIP Credit Agreement and DIP Order would increase in corresponding amounts.

20. The Parties requested the hearings on the Initial Motion and the supplement thereto be continued to conduct due diligence and explore the possibility of settlement. The hearings on said motions are currently set for hearing before the Court on May 29, 2013.

## III. Summary of the Proposed Stipulation and Settlement

- 21. The summary of the essential terms of the Parties' Stipulation is as follows:
  - a. Settlement Payment to Diba and Release. The DIP Lender agrees to pay to Diba out of the Collection Account the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$287,946.84) on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on May 31, 2013 by bank wire transfer in full and final compromise of any and all claims, known or unknown, that Diba may have or claim to have against the DIP Lender under the Letter of Credit, and any and all claims Diba may have or claim to have against the DIP Lender in any way related to the Debtor or the Estate or the DIP Credit Agreement.
  - b. Final Amount of DIP Lender's Super-Priority Secured Claim. The Trustee and DIP Lender agree that the final amount of the DIP Lender's secured claim shall increase by the amount of the Settlement Payment to Diba described in the preceding paragraph, minus Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000), for a final and total claim amount of Two Hundred Fifty-One Dollars Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$251,946.84). Following the payment to Diba, the DIP Lender shall pay the sum of \$8821.69 back into the Collection Account to bring the balance back to \$350,000.00, and pay the balance in excess of the \$350,000.00, which equals

the sum of \$27,178.31 to the Trustee in full and final satisfaction of any obligation of the DIP Lender to the Estate or the Trustee.

- c. Withdrawal of Supplement to Initial Motion. Upon approval of this Agreement by the Court, the Trustee and DIP Lender agree to withdraw their supplement to the Initial Motion filed on April 9, 2013 (Docket No. 773773) and to request that the Court approve the Initial Motion (provided that the requested approval of such Initial Motion will not request a disposition of the Diba Administrative Claim or disputed \$350,000.00 of the Collection Account funds that were the subject of Applications for Compensation filed by certain chapter 11 professionals, heard by the Court on April 10, 2013, which are subjudice).
- d. Inventory Held by Diba. Diba alleges that it has inventory under its possession or control related to goods resulting from the alleged Debtor's trade accounts payable prior to Court approval of this Agreement, and Diba shall retain title and ownership of all such inventory. In the event Diba sells such inventory prior to Court Approval of this Agreement, Diba agrees to hold in trust any proceeds thereof until the Court enters an Order approving this Agreement. Upon Court approval of this Agreement, Diba may sell or dispose of any or all of such inventory and the proceeds thereof shall be for Diba's own account.
- e. Release and Waiver of Diba Claim(s) Against Estate. Diba agrees to release and waive any claim against the Estate to the extent said claim or claims were the basis of, or related to, its draw request in the Draw Letter.

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This release and waiver shall in no way affect Diba's Administrative Claim, which is unrelated to its draw request in the Draw Letter.

### IV. Basis for Relief Requested

22. Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) authorizes the Court, after notice and a hearing, to approve a compromise or settlement of a controversy. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019. The approval or rejection of a compromise or settlement is left to the sound discretion of the bankruptcy court. In re Racing Services. Inc., 332 B.R. 581, 586 (B.A.P. 8th Cir. 2005) (citing Drexel, Burnham, Lambert, Inc. v. Flight Transp. Corp. (In re Flight Trans. Corp. Sec. Litig.), 730 F.2d 1128, 1135 (8th Cir.1984)). The Court should consider the following four factors in exercising its discretion and determination on the reasonableness of the settlement: (1) probability of success in litigation; (2) difficulties, if any, in collecting any judgment that might be rendered; (3) complexity of the litigation involved and the expense, inconvenience, and delay attendant to the litigation; and (4) the paramount interests of the creditors with proper deference to their reasonable views. Id. (citations omitted). The Court should consider and evaluate the factors to determine whether the settlement fits within the range of reasonableness. Velde v. First Int'l Bank & Trust (In re Y-Knot Constr., Inc.), 369 B.R. 405, 408 (B.A.P. 8th Cir. 2007). The trustee, however, does not need to establish that the proposed settlement is the best possible outcome, but only that it does not fall below the lowest point in the range of reasonableness. Id. citing TCF Banking & Sav. v. Leonard (In re Erickson), 82 B.R. 97, 99 (D. Minn. 1988).

23. The Trustee respectfully submits that after applying the standard and four factors above to the relevant facts here, the settlement falls well within the reasonableness standard and warrants approval by the Court.

24. First, the probability of success in litigation factor weighs in favor of settlement. The issues to be resolved by the Stipulation likely would give rise to more than one claim against each party involved herein. The pursuit of said claims would require extensive legal research and the gathering and review of voluminous business records by the Trustee of a Debtor that the Trustee has little or no personal knowledge of the Debtor's prior business dealings and that is no longer operating. Although these claims will likely involve different probabilities of success, the Trustee's probability of success in any one of the claims is uncertain. Given the uncertainty, and the attendant risk, cost, and delay involved any litigation, especially complex litigation, the Trustee believes that this factor weighs in favor of settlement.

25. In regards to the second factor - the difficulties, if any, in collecting any judgment that might be rendered- the Trustee believes that this factor is likely not relevant to the extent the issues involved are nonmonetary issues and, thus would likely not involve money judgments. As to any issues that may involve money judgments in favor of the Estate, the Trustee has no reason to believe that this factor would post a risk to the Trustee.

26. The third factor — the complexity of the litigation involved and the expense, inconvenience, and delay attendant to the litigation —weighs in favor of settlement. Any litigation involved would be factually complex (the gathering and review of voluminous business records of the Debtor and other vendors, tracking down and deposing of numerous witnesses, including former Debtor employees), and likely involve complex legal issues as well. This would involve considerable time to prepare for litigation and the related expense of any litigation would likely be exceedingly costly to the Estate and would result in further delay of resolving the issues involved. In view of the favorable terms of the Stipulation to the Estate, both monetary and nonmonetary, litigation would not justify the attendant cost and delay.

27. The final factor regarding the paramount interests of the creditors and proper deference to their reasonable views also weighs in favor of the proposed settlement. Under the Stipulation, the benefits to the Estate include without limitation 1) a net of \$27,178.31 cash; 2) an agreed reduction of the DIP Lender's claim in the amount of \$86,000; 3) an agreement from the DIP Lender to forgo a substantial amount of professional fees; and 4) resolution of outstanding issues with the DIP Lender that will allow the Trustee to finally settle the amount of the DIP Lender's claim, who continues to assert that it has a superpriority secured claim on all Estate assets until this matter is resolved. All of these benefits also benefit the interests of the creditors. This Stipulation will allow the Trustee to more timely and efficiently winddown the remaining of Debtor's business affairs and complete overall administration of the Estate. Accordingly, the Trustee believes that the Stipulation is fair and equitable and within the best interests of the Estate and its creditors.

28. Based on the foregoing reasons and authorities, the Trustee respectfully submits that the terms of the Stipulation are fair and equitable, that they are well within the range of reasonableness, and that approval of the Stipulation is within the best interests of the Estate.

### V. Notice

29. Notice of this Motion has been given to the following parties or, in lieu thereof, to their counsel, if known: (a) all parties listed on the Master Notice List and Master Service List, last updated on January 10, 2013; (b) Diba; (c) all parties that have requested special notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002; and (d) all persons or entities known to the Trustee that have or have asserted a chapter 11 administrative expense claim. In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, the Parties submit that no other or further notice is necessary.

### VI. Waiver of Rule 6004(h)

30. Trustee requests that the 14 day stay of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), to the extent applicable, be waived.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee, DIP Lender, and Diba respectfully request that the Court enter an Order (i) granting this Motion and approving the Stipulation; (ii) authorizing and directing the Trustee to take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the terms of the Stipulation; (iii) entering an Order in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**; and (iv) granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sarah Soutier, certify that the foregoing was served this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013 on all parties receiving notice through Master Notice List No. 8 and Master Service List No. 8, both dated January 10, 2013, all parties that have requested special notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, either electronically through the Court's CM/ECF system or via regular mail, and served on the attached list of Chapter 11 claimants via regular mail.

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## **EXHIBIT A**

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

In re:	)	
	)	Case No.: 12-49658-705
Bakers Footwear Group, Inc.,	)	
-	)	Chapter 7
Debtor.	)	

## STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AMONG CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, SALUS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC AND DIBA IMPORTS, L.P.

Robert J. Blackwell, the chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") for the estate of Bakers

Footwear Group, Inc. (the "Estate"), Salus Capital Partners, LLC (the "DIP Lender"), and Diba Imports, L.P.¹("Diba", and together with the Trustee and DIP Lender, collectively referred to herein as the "Parties"), hereby enter into this stipulation of settlement (the "Agreement") and agree as follows:

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Debtor operated a national, mall-based, specialty retail business that sold footwear and accessories for young women; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2012, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the "Court"), with the Debtor continuing to operate its business as a debtor-in-possession; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2012, the DIP Lender and the Debtor entered into the Amended and Restated Senior Secured, Super-Priority Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement (the "DIP Credit Agreement"), pursuant to which the DIP Lender agreed to provide the Debtor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Diba as defined herein shall be deemed to include such affiliates, agents or assignees, including without limitation, Demand Shoes, LLC, Diba Far East, LLC, Adjunct Trading HK Limited, and C and C Accord, Ltd.

with, among other things, capital necessary to continue its business operations and preserve and administer the value of the Estate; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2012, the Court entered an order (the "DIP Order") approving the post-petition financing provided by the DIP Lender, which, *inter alia*, granted the DIP Lender (a) a first priority, valid, perfected and enforceable lien, subject only to the Carve Out and Permitted Prior Liens (each as defined in the DIP Order), upon substantially all of the Debtor's real and personal property and (b) a super-priority administrative claim in respect of all obligations under the DIP Financing Agreements (as defined in the DIP Order), subject to the Carve Out as set forth in the DIP Order; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2012, at the Debtor's request, the DIP Lender issued an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BKRD-0001 in the amount of \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) (the "Letter of Credit") to Diba pursuant to the terms of the DIP Credit Agreement to facilitate post-petition transactions between the Debtor and Diba; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 20, 2012, the Debtor defaulted under the DIP Credit Agreement and the DIP Order; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2013, the Court entered an order converting the chapter 11 case to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and, on January 21, 2013, Robert J. Blackwell was appointed as the Trustee; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2013, the Court entered an order authorizing, inter alia, the Trustee to operate the business of the Debtor and required the DIP Lender to fund, among other things, payment of all of the reasonable costs and expenses of the operation of the Debtor's business pursuant to an agreed upon budget between the Trustee and the DIP Lender, including the Trustee's commissions, professional fees and expenses; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2013, the Court entered an order, *inter alia*, approving the sale of substantially all of the Debtor's assets (the "Sale Order") to Zigi USA, LLC or its designee; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2013, the DIP Lender held \$2,831,978.99 of the Debtor's cash in a controlled account (the "Collection Account") that the Trustee asserts was Estate property, and pursuant to the Sale Order the DIP Lender applied \$2,210,071.26 of such funds to the payment of all outstanding DIP Obligations as defined in the DIP Order, the amount of which, after extensive negotiations, the DIP Lender agreed to reduce by \$50,000 at the request of the Trustee (subject to the approval of the Initial Motion, as defined in the next paragraph); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013 the DIP Lender and Trustee filed a joint motion (Docket. No. 718) (the "Initial Motion") seeking the entry of an order: (a) finding that all of the DIP Obligations have been irrevocably paid in full and discharged; (b) authorizing the DIP Lender to return cash collateral to the Trustee; (c) finding that the DIP Lender has no further obligations in or related to this Case; (d) finding that any and all DIP Liens (as defined in the DIP Order) are hereby, and forever, released; (e) finding that the Estate has no further obligations of any kind whatsoever to the DIP Lender; and (f) granting related relief; and

WHEREAS, as of May 10, 2013, the DIP Lender continues to hold approximately \$629,125.15 in the Collection Account; and

WHEREAS, the rights to \$350,000.00 of the \$629,125.15 Collection Account funds were the subject of numerous Applications for Compensation filed by certain chapter 11 professionals, heard by the Court on April 10, 2013, which are *sub judice*; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2013, the DIP Lender received a letter from Diba requesting a draw on the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$403,749.70, alleging as a basis Debtor's payment

default with respect to alleged post-petition trade accounts payable owed to Diba (the "Draw Letter"); and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2013, the DIP Lender dishonored the Draw Letter, alleging as a basis for such dishonor that Diba failed to substantiate Debtor's underlying post-petition obligations to Diba to the satisfaction of DIP Lender (the "Notice of Dishonor"); and

WHEREAS, Diba alleges that the Notice of Dishonor by the DIP Lender breached the Letter of Credit in that Diba was not required to present the requested business records to substantiate Debtor's underlying post-petition obligations to Diba in connection with the Draw Letter; and

WHEREAS, the Trustee denies that Debtor received any goods post-petition from Diba that were not paid for in full; and

WHEREAS, Diba acknowledges that it is currently holding in its possession and control, or in the possession and control of its manufacturer, approximately 13,614 pairs of shoes, which it contends was a result of Debtor's failure to accept delivery of conforming goods and subsequent payment default with respect to Debtor's post-petition trade accounts payable owed to Diba; and

WHEREAS, Diba alleges that Debtor's failure to accept deliver of conforming goods and subsequent payment default with respect to post-petition trade accounts payable owed to Diba has caused Diba to incur additional expense to deliver and store such goods; and

WHEREAS, the Trustee and DIP Lender dispute, among other things, the extent to which Debtor owes, if any, post-petition trade accounts payable to Diba and, therefore, deny that the DIP Lender is required to honor the Draw Letter; and

WHEREAS, the DIP Lender continues to hold, and asserts that it is entitled to continue to hold, the Collection Account funds as collateral security for the DIP Obligations, including, without limitation, any contingent obligations with respect to letters of credit, in accordance with the DIP Credit Agreement. In addition, the DIP Lender asserts a super-priority lien on the proceeds from the sale to Zigi pursuant to the terms of the DIP Credit Agreement and the Sale Order, as well as its DIP Liens on all other deposits and assets of the Estate; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2013 the Trustee and DIP Lender filed a supplement to the Initial Motion (Docket No. 773) seeking an order finding that, in addition to the relief requested in the Initial Motion, the Estate and the DIP Lender have no further post-petition obligations owing to Diba and, as a result, the DIP Lender is not required to honor a presentation made by Diba with respect to a letter of credit issued by the DIP Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have conducted extensive settlement negotiations regarding the Agreement and exchanged and reviewed numerous business records related to the controversies set forth above; and

WHEREAS, without acknowledging that it was obligated to do so pursuant to the Letter of Credit, Diba provided what purported to be business records substantiating its draw request in the Draw Letter;

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Parties to settle and dispose of, fully and completely, the controversies set forth above as to the Parties, and the Parties' desire to enter into a full and final settlement in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the settlement terms herein do not involve and will not dispose of the disputed \$350,000.00 of the Collection Account funds that were the subject of Applications for

Compensation filed by certain chapter 11 professionals, heard by the Court on April 10, 2013, which are *sub judice*; and

WHEREAS, the settlement terms herein do not involve and will not dispose of Diba's administrative expense claim (Court Claim No. 341) pending against the Estate (the "Diba Administrative Claim").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises above, for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are herewith incorporated in this Agreement, and made a part hereof.
- 2. <u>Settlement Payment to Diba and Release.</u> Subject to the terms hereof, the DIP Lender agrees to pay to Diba out of the Collection Account the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$287,946.84) on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on May 31, 2013 by bank wire transfer in full and final compromise of any and all claims, known or unknown, that Diba may have or claim to have against the DIP Lender under the Letter of Credit, and any and all claims Diba may have or claim to have against the DIP Lender in any way related to the Debtor or the Estate or the DIP Credit Agreement.
- 3. <u>Final Amount of DIP Lender's Super-Priority Secured Claim.</u> The Trustee and DIP Lender agree that the final amount of the DIP Lender's secured claim shall increase by the amount of the Settlement Payment to Diba described in the preceding paragraph, minus Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000), for a final and total claim amount of Two Hundred Fifty-One Dollars Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$251,946.84).

Following the payment to Diba, the DIP Lender shall pay the sum of \$8821.69 back into the Collection Account to bring the balance back to \$350,000.00, and pay the balance in excess of the \$350,000.00, which equals the sum of \$27,178.31 to the Trustee in full and final satisfaction of any obligation of the DIP Lender to the Estate or the Trustee.

- 4. Withdrawal of Supplement to Initial Motion. Upon approval of this Agreement by the Court, the Trustee and DIP Lender agree to withdraw their supplement to the Initial Motion filed on April 9, 2013 (Docket No. 773) and to request that the Court approve the Initial Motion (provided that the requested approval of such Initial Motion will not request a disposition of the Diba Administrative Claim or the disputed \$350,000.00 of the Collection Account funds that were the subject of Applications for Compensation filed by certain chapter 11 professionals, heard by the Court on April 10, 2013, which are *sub judice*).
- 5. Inventory Held by Diba. Diba alleges that it has inventory under its possession or control related to goods resulting from the alleged Debtor's trade accounts payable prior to Court approval of this Agreement, and Diba shall retain title and ownership of all such inventory. In the event Diba sells such inventory prior to Court approval of this Agreement, Diba agrees to hold in trust any proceeds thereof until the Court enters an Order approving this Agreement. Upon Court approval of this Agreement, Diba may sell or dispose of any or all of such inventory and the proceeds thereof shall be for Diba's own account.
- 6. Release and Waiver of Diba Claim(s) Against Estate. Diba agrees to release and waive any claim against the Estate to the extent said claim or claims were the basis of, or related to, its draw request in the Draw Letter. This release and waiver shall in no way affect Diba's Administrative Claim, which is unrelated to its draw request in the Draw Letter.

- 7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes and expresses the entire understanding, agreement and undertaking of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior agreements, if any, written or oral. There is no understanding, agreement, undertaking, representation or warranty, express or implied, which in any way limits, extends, defines or relates to the subject matter of the Agreement that is not incorporated herein. The terms of this Agreement shall not be amended or modified except by written agreement among all the Parties and subject to approval of the Court to the extent required by law.
- 8. <u>Authority of Signatories to this Agreement.</u> Each party hereto expressly represents and warrants that the person executing the Agreement is fully and duly authorized to bind that party to all the terms hereof and that it is the sole owner of the claims being released herein.
- 9. Voluntary Execution of this Agreement. The Parties represent that each has read and fully understands this Agreement and that each party has had the advice of legal counsel of his, her or its own choosing in considering and deciding to execute this Agreement, that each has fully weighed and considered all of the facts and matters that might influence his, her or its judgment in regard to the Agreement, that each has executed the Agreement freely and voluntarily, that each is not relying on any representation of the other parties or their representatives in entering into the Agreement, and that each is under no form of duress or undue influence in deciding to execute the Agreement.
- 10. <u>Multiple Originals/Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, and the Parties to this Agreement may execute different pages. Signatures may be exchanged by facsimile or electronic mail and copies or facsimile/electronic mail signatures shall

have the same force and effect as originals. All such counterparts, signature pages, copies and originals shall be deemed to be a part of the same Agreement.

- 11. Agreement Subject to Bankruptcy Court Approval. This Agreement is conditioned upon its approval by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, without which it shall be null, void and without effect.
- 12. <u>Consent to Jurisdiction.</u> The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the enforcement, interpretation and implementation of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of May 23 2013.

SALUS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	DIBA IMPORTS, LLC	
Ву:	By:	
ROBERT I BLACKWELL, CHAPTER 7 TH	RUSTEE	
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of May 2013.

SALUS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	DIBA IMPORTS, LLC
Ву:	By:
Kyle () C. Shonak	
ROBERT J. BLACKWELL, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTI	EE
By:	

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of May\_\_\_ 2013.

SALUS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	DIBA IMPORTS, LLC
Ву:	By: Mary 11/150
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ROBERT J. BLACKWELL, CHAPTER 7	TRUSTEE
Ву:	

## **EXHIBIT B**

## **BRONX**

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J.B. Imports, Inc.

DIBA Imports LP

DIBA Far East LLC

3630 Corporate Trail Drive ● Earth City, MO 63045 ● P: 314/209-0150 ● F: 314/209-0550 ● E: diane@dibashoes.com

March 22, 2013

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS OVERNIGHT DELIVERY Salus Capital Partners, LLC 197 First Avenue, Suite 250 Needham, Massachusetts 02494 Attn: Danielle Prentis

Re: Salus Capital Partners Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BKRD-0001 for \$1,000,000.00; Your Reference: BKRD-0001

Dear Ms. Prentis,

In accordance with the above-referenced Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit (the "Standby") issued by Salus Capital Partners, LLC (the "Issuer") on December 4, 2012 and expiring July 31, 2013, upon application therefor by Bakers Footwear Group, Inc., 2815 Scott Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103 ("Applicant") and for the benefit of Diba Imports, LP, Demand Shoes, LLC, Diba Far East, LLC, Adjunct Trading HK Limited, and C and C Accord, Ltd., 3630 Corporate Trail Drive, Earth City, Missouri 63045 (collectively, the "Beneficiaries"), this letter and the enclosed original Standby and sight draft shall constitute presentation to Issuer for payment against the Standby pursuant to its terms.

The presenting Beneficiary certifies that (a) it is entitled to draw the sum of Four Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine and 70/100 Dollars (\$403,749.70) under the Standby, as a result of a payment default in that amount by the Applicant in respect of its obligations to the presenting Beneficiary to pay amounts due in respect of trade accounts payable and (b) not less than thirty (30) days have passed since the presenting Beneficiary has made demand on the Applicant for payment of such amount.

Following payment in full of the draw demanded hereunder, Issuer is requested to issue a replacement irrevocable standby letter of credit to Beneficiaries in the amount of Five Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 30/100 Dollars (\$596,250.30), such amount representing the initial credit available under the Standby less the partial draw demanded hereunder.

Very truly yours,

Diba Imports, LP

Name: Diane M. Butrus

Title: COO

Demand Shoes, LLC

Name: Diane M. Butrus

Title: Managing Member

## **BRONX**



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DIBA Far East LLC

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Diba Far East, LLC

Name: Diane M. Butrus

Title: COO

Adjunct Trading HK Limited

Name: Diane M. Butras

Title: Legal Matters Representative - US

C and C Accord, Ltd.

Name: Diane M. Butrus

Title: Legal Matters Representative - US

Enclosures

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Sight Draft

Salus Capital Partners, LLC Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BKRD-0001

March 22, 2013

Salus Capital Partners, LLC 197 First Avenue, Suite 250 Needham, Massachusetts 02494 Attn: Danielle Prentis

Pay to the order of: Diba Imports, LP (the "Beneficiary") the amount of Four Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine and 70/100 Dollars (\$403,749.70) by wire transfer in same day funds to:

Bank: JPMorgan Chase Bank

Address: 10 S Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60603

Routing for Wires: 021000021 Routing for ACH: 071000013

Swift: CHASUS33

Favor: Diba Imports, L.P. Acct# 937892560

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Diba Imports, LP

Name: Diane M. Butrus

Title: COO



197 FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 250 NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02494

ATTENTION: Danielle Prentis

PHONE: 617-420-2820

E-MAIL: dprentis@saluscapital.com

Our Reference: BKRD-0001

Applicant:

Beneficiary:

Bakers Footwear Group, Inc. 2815 Scott Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Diba Imports, LP, Demand Shoes, LLC, Diba Far East, LLC, Adjunct Trading HK Limited, and C and C Accord, Ltd. 3630 Corporate Trail Drive Earth City, MO 63045 USA

Date: December 4, 2012

Re: Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BKRD-0001 for \$1,000,000

Expiration Date: July 31, 2013

At the request of the Applicant, we hereby issue our Irrevocable Transferable Standby Letter of Credit reference number BKRD-0001 in the amount of USD \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) (the "Letter of Credit"), which is effective immediately and is available by sight payment with ourselves only against presentation at our counters by hand or overnight courier service at 197 First Avenue, Suite 250, Needham, Massachusetts 02494 of the following documents:

- 1. The original of this Letter of Credit and all subsequent amendments, if any;
- 2. Beneficiary's sight draft, in whole or in part drawn on us and indicating drawn under Salus Capital Partners, LLC, Letter of Credit No. BKRD-0001; and
- 3. Beneficiary's written dated statement on its letterhead, purportedly signed by an authorized representative certifying substantially as follows:

The Beneficiary certifies that (a) it is entitled to draw the sum of \$[\_\_\_\_] under this Salus Capital Partners, LLC Letter of Credit No. BKRD-0001, as a result of a payment default in that amount by the Applicant in respect of its obligations to the Beneficiary to pay amounts due in respect of trade accounts payable and (b) not less than thirty (30) days have passed since the Beneficiary has made demand on the Applicant for payment of the stated amount.

THIS LETTER OF CREDIT EXPIRES ON July 31, 2013 AT 3:00 P.M. AT OUR COUNTERS AT 197 FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 250, NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02494. IT IS A CONDITION OF THIS LETTER OF CREDIT THAT SUCH EXPIRATION DATE SHALL BE DEEMED AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED, WITHOUT WRITTEN AMENDMENT, FOR ONE YEAR PERIODS IN EACH SUCCEEDING CALENDAR YEAR, UNLESS AT LEAST NINETY (90) DAYS PRIOR TO SUCH EXPIRATION DATE WE SEND WRITTEN NOTICE TO BENEFICIARY AT BENEFICIARY'S ADDRESS ABOVE BY OVERNIGHT COURIER OR REGISTERED MAIL THAT WE ELECT NOT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS LETTER OF CREDIT BEYOND THE DATE SPECIFIED IN SUCH NOTICE.

This Letter of Credit is transferable in whole but not in part by Salus Capital Partners, LLC, which transfer will only become effective with the written consent of the beneficiary on our Request for Full Transfer of the Letter of 5579079v2

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Credit form which is attached, and provided that said transfer request form is not to a named party appearing on the Denial or Specially Designated Nationals Lists as provided by the Office of Foreign Asset Control of the United States Treasury Department and the change of beneficiary is reflected in our records. All charges related to the transfer of this letter of credit are for the account of the Applicant and the payment of such charges shall not be considered a condition of honoring a request for transfer. Should this Letter of Credit be transferred in accordance with the provisions hereof, the statement, any required documents and accompanying draft set forth above must be signed by the transferee as appearing in our records.

When presenting your draft(s) and documents or when communicating with us, please make reference to our reference number shown above.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH U. S. GOVERNMENT IMPOSED SANCTIONS AGAINST CERTAIN SPECIALLY DESIGNATED OR BLOCKED PERSONS, ENTITIES AND CERTAIN COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS PERSONS AND ENTITIES LOCATED IN OR NATIONALS OF OR RELATED TO SUCH COUNTRIES AND PROHIBITIONS AGAINST PERFORMING ACTIONS WHICH IN ANY WAY SUPPORT BOYCOTTS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES, IT IS A CONDITION OF THIS LETTER OF CREDIT THAT WE WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE THEN CURRENT SANCTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS, BY REFRAINING FROM ENGAGING IN TRANSACTIONS WHICH EITHER INVOLVE SUCH COUNTRIES, OR PERSONS AND ENTITIES OR WHICH VIOLATE SUCH SANCTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS. IF WE BELIEVE, IN OUR SOLE OPINION THAT THESE SANCTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS REQUIRE US TO TAKE OR ABSTAIN FROM TAKING AN ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LETTER OF CREDIT, WE WILL DO SO AND WILL NOT BE LIABLE TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY INVOLVED IN THIS LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THOSE ACTIONS OR LACK THEREOF.

This Letter of Credit sets forth in full our undertaking, and such undertaking shall not in any way be modified, amended, amplified or limited by reference to any document, instrument or agreement referred to herein and any such reference shall not be deemed to incorporate herein by reference any document, instrument or agreement. Except as expressly stated herein, this undertaking is not subject to any agreements, requirements or qualifications. Our obligation under this Letter of Credit is our individual obligation and is in no way contingent upon reimbursement with respect thereto, or upon our ability to perfect any lien, security interest or any other reimbursement and are not subject to offset for any claims we may have against the Applicant or any of its affiliates. This Letter of Credit may not be revoked or amended without beneficiary's written approval and shall remain in full force and effect until it expires in accordance with the terms hereof.

Partial and Multiple Drawings are permitted. Within ten (10) days after receipt of Beneficiary's request therefor, after a partial draw, we will issue a replacement Letter of Credit reflecting the new amount available to draw, at the Beneficiary's expense. The amount of this Letter of Credit will be automatically reduced by the amount of any drawing(s) under this Letter of Credit honored by us.

Upon receipt of an affidavit of Beneficiary as to the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of this Letter of Credit and upon cancellation of this Letter of Credit, we will issue, in lieu thereof, a replacement Letter of Credit in favor of Beneficiary, in the same amount thereof and otherwise of like tenor.

This Letter of Credit is subject to the International Chamber of Commerce Publication 590, International Standby Practices, and as to matters not governed by ICC publication 590, such matters will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of law principles.

We hereby agree with you that all drafts drawn under and in compliance with the terms of this Letter of Credit will be duly honored upon delivery of documents as specified herein at our counters, to the address detailed on page one of this letter of credit, on or before the then applicable expiration date.

(Authorized Signature)

Name: Macy Kiley

Title: SVF

(Authorized Signature)

Name: Kyle Shonak

Title: SVP

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December 4, 2012

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Macy Kiley, in his capacity as Senior Vice President of Salus Capital Partners, LLC, whose name is signed on the preceding document, and such person acknowledged to me that he signed such document voluntarily for its stated purpose. The identity of such person was proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was  $\square$  photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency,  $\square$  oath or affirmation of a credible witness, or  $\square$ personal knowledge of the undersigned.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: June 20, 2019

JUNE 20, 2019

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

December 4, 2012

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Kyle Shonak, in his capacity as Senior Vice President of Salus Capital Partners, LLC, whose name is signed on the preceding document, and such person acknowledged to me that he signed such document voluntarily for its stated purpose. The identity of such person was proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was  $\square$  photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency,  $\square$  oath or affirmation of a credible witness, or  $\square$ personal knowledge of the undersigned.

My Commission Expires:

## **EXHIBIT C**

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

In re:	)		
Bakers Footwear Group, Inc.,	)	Case Number Chapter 7	12-49658-705
Debtor.	)		
	, )		

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019 AMONG CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, SALUS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, AND DIBA IMPORTS, L.P.

Upon review of the Joint Motion by Robert J. Blackwell, the chapter 7 trustee ("Trustee") of the estate of Bakers Footwear Group, Inc., Salus Capital Partners, LLC ("DIP Lender"), and Diba Imports, L.P.<sup>2</sup>, by and through their undersigned counsel for entry of an Order pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019 (the "Motion") approving a stipulation of settlement (the "Stipulation") among the Parties;<sup>3</sup> the Court finds that due and proper notice of the Motion has been given and that good and sufficient cause exists for the entry of an order granting the relief requested in the Motion; and the Court having considered Motion, the opposition thereto, if any, and the arguments of counsel, if any; and the Court having considered all relevant factors, including, but not limited those addressed in the Motion; and the Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interest of the Estate; and other good cause having been shown; the Court HOLDS that it is proper to grant the relief requested in the Motion on that basis, and accordingly **ORDERS** as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion and the Motion for Expedited Hearing thereon are GRANTED; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Stipulation among the Parties attached as Exhibit A to the Motion be and hereby is approved in all respects;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Diba as defined herein shall be deemed to include such affiliates, agents or assignees, including without limitation, Demand Shoes, LLC, Diba Far East, LLC, Adjunct Trading HK Limited, and C and C Accord, Ltd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Motion. dc2311.p

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Parties are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary as to effectuate the terms of the Stipulation;

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Court shall retain jurisdiction over any matter or dispute arising from or relating to the implementation of this Order.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that to the extent that the 14-day stay imposed under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(h) is applicable to the subject matter of this Order, such stay is hereby waived.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.